

<b>DEPARTMENTAL REGULATION</b>		Number: 1042-61
SUBJECT: National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection	DATE: March 22, 1999	
	OPI: Food Safety and Inspection Service	

## 1 PURPOSE

a The purpose of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA), as amended, and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA), as amended, is to protect the consuming public from adulterated and misbranded meat, meat food products, poultry, and poultry products. The FMIA and PPIA provide for this purpose to be achieved by Federal and State meat and poultry inspection programs. The Secretary of Agriculture hereby renews the Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (Committee).

bThe Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to cooperate with appropriate State agencies in developing and administering effective State meat and poultry inspection programs and other activities by Section 301(a)(1)-(3) of the FMIA (21 U.S.C. 661(a)(1)-(3)) and Section 5(a)(1)-(3) of the PPIA (21 U.S.C. 454(a)(1)-(3)).

c The Secretary of Agriculture is required to establish an advisory committee or committees under Section 301(a)(4) of the FMIA (21 U.S.C. 661(a)(4)) to carry out the responsibilities imposed by Sections 7(c), 24, 205, 301(a)(3), and 301(c) of the FMIA (21 U.S.C. 607(c), 624, 645, 661(a)(3), and 661(c)), and under Section 5(a)(4) of the PPIA (21 U.S.C. 454 (a)(4)) to carry out the responsibilities imposed by Sections 5(a)(3), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the PPIA (21 U.S.C. 454(a)(3), 454(c), 457(b), and 460(e)).

d This renewal of the charter for the Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection is in the public interest in connection with the duties and responsibilities imposed on the Secretary of Agriculture by law.

## 2 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

a This charter will expire 2 years from the date of filing.

b Departmental Regulation Number 1042-61 dated February 12, 1997, is hereby superseded.

c This Department Regulation is the charter for the Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection.

### 3 OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP

a The Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) serves as the Chairperson of the Committee. The Chairperson may call or approve the calling of Committee meetings, develop or approve the agenda for Committee meetings, and adjourn Committee meetings.

b A representative of FSIS serves as the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary, in the absence of the Chairperson or upon the delegation of authority by the Chairperson, may develop or approve the agenda for Committee meetings, and adjourn Committee meetings.

c To assure a balance of differing views and expertise, the membership shall be drawn from representatives of government, industry, trade associations, the scientific community, and consumer organizations, and shall be composed of individuals with diverse capabilities distinguished by their knowledge and interest in meat and poultry inspection and other FSIS responsibilities.

d Equal opportunity practices, in accordance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policies, shall be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

### 4 DUTIES

a The duties of the Committee are solely advisory. The Committee shall advise the Secretary of Agriculture concerning State and Federal programs with respect to meat and poultry inspection and other matters.

b The duties also include advising the Secretary of Agriculture regarding the responsibilities imposed by Sections 7(c), 24, 205, 301(a)(3), and 301(c) of the FMIA (21 U.S.C. 607 (c), 624, 645, 661 (a)(3), and 661 (c)) and 5(a)(3), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the PPIA (21 U.S.C. 454(a)(3), 454(c), 457(b), and 460 (e)).

c The duties of the Committee may also include advising the Secretary of Agriculture on other matters which fall within the scope of the FMIA and PPIA.

## 5 ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS

Members shall serve without pay if they are not officers or employees of the Federal Government. Reimbursement will be provided to members for their travel and per diem. Annual operating costs are estimated to be \$100,000 and staff year requirements are estimated to be .5 staff years.

## 6 NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

It is estimated that the Committee will meet at least annual per year. All meetings shall be open to the public.

## 7 REPORTS/SUPPORT

a Support to the Committee is provided by FSIS.

b The Committee reports to the Secretary of Agriculture through the Under Secretary for Food Safety.